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Diarrhoa among Children
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government is aware that a large number of children under five have died of diarrhoea due to open defecation and unclear drinking water and
if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has intensified diarrhoea control programme to reach out to large number of children by providing them ORS and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which the above programme has reduced the maternal mortality; and

(d) the other steps taken by the Government to check the prevalence of diarrhoea including improving quality of water and preventing open defecation?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a): As per the World Health Statistics 2015, 10 percent of under- five child deaths are caused by diarrhoea in India. Most of these diarroheal episodes are due to eating contaminated food, water, open defecation, unclear drinking water, malnutrition and lack of immunization.

(b) to (d): Government of India has launched Intensified Diarrhoea Control Fortnight (IDCF) in 2014 with the ultimate aim of zero child deaths due to childhood diarrhoea. This comprised of a set of activities implemented in an intensified manner to prevent deaths due to childhood diarrhoea across all districts of all States & UTs. These activities mainly include- intensification of advocacy activities, awareness generation activities, diarrhoea management service provision, establishing ORS-Zinc Corners and ORS distribution by ASHAs.

Around 6.34 Crore Under-five children were reached by ASHA and prophylactic ORS packets were distributed to them with counselling for care during diarrhoea.

Under, The Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) programme, the following measures have been taken to accelerate the rate of elimination of open defecation in the country:-

â€¢ The focus of the scheme now is on behavior change and usage of toilets. Community based collective behaviour change is mentioned as preferred approach, although the States are free to choose their approach.
â€¢ Provision of incentives for the construction of Individual household latrine (IHHL) has been raised to Rs.12000 for all Below poverty Line (BPL) households.
â€¢ Fund are provided for Solid and Liquid Waste Management.

Under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation has prepared a strategic plan to provide safe drinking water to 90% of the rural population of the country through piped water supply schemes by the year 2022 subject to availability of funds.